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This is an application for a **Broadening Reissue of US Patent 6,371,968**.

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For: **Cavity retaining tool for bone surgery, a cavity retaining tool for general surgery, an endoscopic system involving the use of a cavity retaining tool, and a procedure for surgery**

Enclosed are:

- A single-sided copy of the specification, claims, and abstract (88 pages).
- Duplicates of the printed drawings of the issued patent (52 sheets).
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- Preliminary Amendment (3 pages).

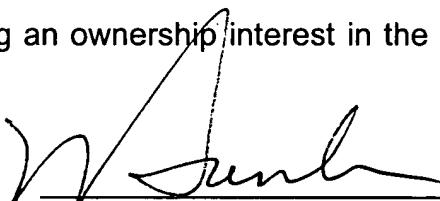
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**Claims as Amended – Part 2**

<b>Claims Remaining After Amendment</b>		<b>Highest Number Previously Paid For</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Fee</b>
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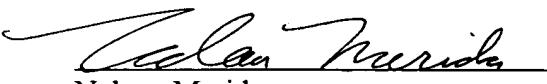
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